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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN INITIATIVE FOR CONTACTS WITH  
OECD SECRETARIAT

1. SUMMARY. ALGERIAN ENERGY MINISTER HAS SUGGESTED ESTABLISHING CONTACTS BETWEEN ALGERIAN AND OECD ENERGY EXPERTS TO CLARIFY DIFFERENCES IN DATA ON WHICH ANALYSES BASED. PRINCIPAL DELEGATIONS GAVE PRELIMINARY NEGATIVE REACTION IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SECGEN BECAUSE OF TIMING AND BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE IMPACT ON OTHER OPEC COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

2. SECGEN CALLED IN FRENCH, BRITISH, GERMAN AND JAPAN-  
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ESE AMBASSADORS AND US DCM LATE MARCH 17 TO INFORM THEM

THAT HE HAD RECEIVED LETTER FROM ALGERIAN MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY ABDESSELAM PROPOSING INFORMAL CONTACTS BETWEEN ALGERIAN AND OECD SECRETARIAT ENERGY DATA EXPERTS.

3. FOLLOWING INTRODUCTORY MENTION OF OECD LONG-TERM ENERGY ASSESSMENT, LETTER NOTES "STRIKING VARIATIONS" IN DATA CONTAINED IN REPORTS AND STUDIES OF ENERGY SITUATION FROM DIFFERENT SOURCES. OBJECTIVE OF INFORMAL OECD ALGERIAN EXPERT CONTACTS WOULD BE TO "COMPARE IDEAS AND FIGURES" ON WHICH APPROACHES TO ENERGY PROBLEMS ARE BASED IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. ABDESSELAM'S IMMEDIATE REQUEST WAS THAT SECGEN RECEIVE PRESIDENT (GHOZALI) OR VICE-PRESIDENT (LAOUSSINE) OF SONATRECH TO RECEIVE SECGEN'S VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS ON SUBJECT OF CONTACTS. SECGEN SOUGHT VIEWS OF GOVERNMENTS AS TO HOW HE SHOULD RESPOND TO ABDESSELAM AND SPECIFICALLY WHETHER HE SHOULD ACCEPT REQUEST THAT HE MEET WITH GHOZALI OR LAOUSSINE.

4. ALL FIVE DEL REPS, SPEAKING ON PERSONAL BASIS, URGED CAUTION AND SAID THEY WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT WITH THEIR GOVERNMENTS. THEY SAW POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES WITH OTHER OPEC COUNTRIES IF ALGERIAN INITIATIVE, WHICH SHOWS NO INDICATION OF COORDINATION WITH OTHER OPEC COUNTRIES, ACCEPTED, AND THOUGHT CONTACTS MIGHT COMPLICATE PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE.

5. QUESTION MAY BE RAISED IN IEA CONTEXT THIS WEEK. IN ANY CASE, MISSION WILL CONSULT WITH US DEL TO GOVERNING BOARD ON HOW SECGEN SHOULD HANDLE ALGERIAN REQUEST. TURNER

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